

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD  
BUDGET STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2015 1030 hrs  
3885 East Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Fire Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder called the meeting to order on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 11:10 a.m.

Members Present: Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder, Vice Chairperson Steve Brady, Clerk David Dahl, Board Member Richard Hudgins, Board Member Mark Clark

Staff Present: Fire Chief Randy Karrer, Assistant Chief Patrick Abel, Assistant Chief Tom Brandhuber (telephonically), Community Relations Manager Anne Marie Braswell, Finance Manager Dave Christian, Battalion Chief William Foss, Wildland Coordinator/Captain Cameron Hendrix, Union Vice-President Bill Howe, EMS Battalion Chief Joshua Hurguy, Fire Marshal William Loesche, HR Manager Sharron Lovemore, Union President Steve Lunde, Battalion Chief Lee Muscarella, Board Services Manager Brooke Painter, IT Manager Herman Rascon, Training Battalion Chief Scott Robb, Logistics Manager Jeff Rowe, Battalion Chief Will Seeley, Procurement Specialist Andy Smith

**2. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No comments were made.

**3. BUDGET STUDY SESSION**

Chief Karrer welcomed everyone and provided a review of the Strategic and Business Plans that were in place. He went through the goals that were set forth and explained that almost all goals have been met. He so stated that we have to build this District based upon our community needs.

Chief Karrer mentioned that for the first time in many years, the health insurance will remain flat – no rate increase. Chief Karrer expressed the importance of succession planning, having a capital improvement plan, etc. We need to find alternate ways to fund these projects. The proposed budget is status quo – with no new programs. We continue to strive to be fiscally responsible yet progressive and professional.

Finance Manager Dave Christian thanked everyone for their participation in the budget process. He presented the first version of the budget to the Board and reviewed the proposed changes. Manager Christian explained the new proposed positions. Chairperson Cox Golder asked President Lunde if the Union was in agreement with the proposed positions; he stated the Union was in agreement. Chief Karrer expounded on the need for the proposed positions. He explained that he is working on a plan with Manager Caton from the Town of Oro Valley to help to fund the Fire and Life Safety positions.



Manager Christian discussed the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). There were some major revisions to the CIP. Chief Karrer explained that there may be some alternate funding sources for some of the projects in the plan.

Manager Christian next provided the Governing Board an overview of the department budgets and any changes to those budgets.

The Board took a brief break at 12:35. They reconvened at 1:01.

Manager Christian and the department heads continued discussions on the different department budgets and any changes to those budgets.

Manager Christian then discussed the debt services and revenues for the Golder Ranch Fire District.

Chief Karrer led discussions about [GRFD's] strategy for the upcoming budget year. He explained that he will bring back to the Board a job description and numbers related to the Health/Safety Officer position along with some possible information from the Town of Oro Valley regarding the Fire and Life Safety positions.

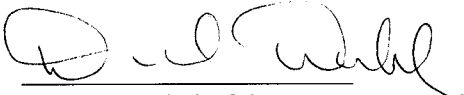
The next budget study session was set for May 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** by Clerk Dahl to adjourn at 1:43 p.m.

**MOTION SECONDED** by Board Member Hudgins

**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

  
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David Dahl, Clerk of the Governing Board  
Golder Ranch Fire District  
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